

Docket No. 0557-4962-2

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Sadao TAKAHASHI

SERIAL NO: 09/551,466

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FOR: IMAGE BINARIZATION APPARATUS, IMAGE BINARIZATION METHOD, IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS,  
IMAGE PICKUP METHOD, AND A COMPUTER PRODUCT

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required  
 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.  
 Additional documents filed herewith: Notice of Appeal  
Request for Extension of Time (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> months)

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS      | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING |  | HIGHEST<br>NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID | NO.<br>EXTRA<br>CLAIMS | RATE      | CALCULATIONS |
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| TOTAL       | 64                  | MINUS  | 68                                      | 0                      | x \$18 =  | \$0.00       |
| INDEPENDENT | 22                  | MINUS  | 24                                      | 0                      | x \$86 =  | \$0.00       |
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